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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Exeter-West Greenwich

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the School Building Authority (SBA) Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. With the passage of the Statewide School Construction Bond in November 2018, voters activated six new temporary bonus incentives and access to \$250M in upfront funding to support the state share of foundation school housing aid.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$17,800,000 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$10,858,000, which includes \$2,312,754 in pay-as-you-go funding):

Exeter West Greenwich:

- a. Districtwide Repairs:
 - i. Metcalf Elementary School \$ 2,537,690
 - ii. Wawaloam Elementary School \$ 2,934,765
 - iii. EWG Regional Junior High & High School \$ 12,327,545

SUMMARY: FY 2021 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2021 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST
Districtwide Repairs	This project will address repairs at three Exeter West Greenwich Regional School District facilities, including: Metcalf Elementary School; Wawaloam Elementary School; EWG Regional Junior High & High School. The proposed repairs will address code compliance and life safety issues, including building and fire code issues, electrical improvements, and exterior envelope repairs.	This project is part of a masterplan that includes health, safety, and security improvements, including building envelope repairs, HVAC repairs, fire safety improvements, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, educational program improvements, ADA compliance, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	Base Rate 61%	\$17,800,000	\$10,858,000	\$15,418,360
			Maximum Rate 78.5%***	\$17,800,000	\$13,973,000	\$19,841,660

* State share ratio is based on FY2021 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

*** District may be eligible for a maximum of 17.5% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.